

State of Arkansas

76th General Assembly

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HOUSE BILL 1372

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVESTMENTS, BENEFITS, REFUNDS, AND EXPENSES OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1989; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System, to be payable from the State Highway Employees Retirement Trust Fund, for annuities, investments, benefits, refunds and expenses of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) GENERAL OPERATION - ANNUITIES, INVESTMENTS, REFUNDS TO WITHDRAWING MEMBERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
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SECTION 2. The designated Disbursing Officers for the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System are hereby authorized to complete and sign one certification for each state voucher or other designated document that authorizes the Auditor of State, or other official, to draw a state warrant or check on a fund administered by the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System.

The voucher or other authorizing document can consist of one or more pages and in the event that more than one page is used, then the designated Disbursing Officer is to manually sign the last page only, and any cer-

tification is to be so worded that it will apply to all pages of the document.

SECTION 3. TRANSFER PROVISIONS. Any unexpended balance of the appropriation made in Section 1 which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988 shall be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989.

SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 6. CONTRACT RESTRICTIONS. The agency, board, commission, department or institution to whom funds are appropriated by this Act shall not enter into any contract for any professional or consultant services which shall extend for more than twenty (20) actual working days or the total compensation exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) during any one fiscal year without first seeking the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council. Provided further, that all contracts for professional or consultant services shall be submitted monthly to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for reporting to the Legislative Council.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1987 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1987 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1987.

/s/ John E. Miller

